



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2153
Docket No.: 1046.1238**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshio SUGIMOTO

Serial No. 09/776,629

Group Art Unit: 2153

Confirmation No. 7168

Filed: February 6, 2001

Examiner: Barqadle, Yasin M.

For: DEVICE FOR READING ELECTRONIC MAI

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for filing with an RCE being filed concurrently herewith. This Preliminary Amendment, further, is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 6, 2005 to expire on August 6, 2005. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 6, 2005.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.